

Conway amendment and take exception to a few things that were said by some people in this legislative body. One or two of them, once, to get the record straight and put it back in the record, Senator Marsh stated about it jeopardized the bill. Well, I think it was finally explained which, if she was paying attention to the first part, she would have found out it had the severability clause on it. She talked about the health care issue, about how she wants people to have a three-year program. Well, that is fine and great if you live in Lincoln, Nebraska, but there is towns outside of Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, fortunately or unfortunately, and you have got to face that. Right now in the State of Nebraska you can have P.A.s, Physician Assistants, away from a medical doctor, people with a lot less medical experience than someone with a two-year residency, and they can practice medicine. Basically, they can practice medicine. Senator Dierks talked about doctors he has known, doctors he has known, who came in here, could pass any test, but they really weren't qualified. I can point out to Senator Dierks I had the opportunity of working with about ten veterinarians that graduated from different colleges, that all passed Nebraska's test, and all ten of them had different levels of competency. Some of them were very good with cats. Some were very good with dogs, horses, pigs, wherever they were educated at, and I don't think Senator Dierks will deny that. What the issue is here, the issue is here is what we can have for rural Nebraska. We do not sacrifice quality health care doing that. We do not sacrifice it. It allows the board to make the decision whether they are competent or not to practice. I ask you to support Senator Conway's motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb moves the previous question. Five hands I do see. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails. Debate ceases. Senator Conway, would you care to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I made light of a couple of questions and it is that hour of the day and the like,